

**STATING A POSITION**—Theresa-Kathryn Scott suggests an amendment to the regulation that student poll workers must be paid, as there is not enough money to afford it. Star Photo by David Krushell

## Four Absentees Stifle Council

By MICHAEL GOULD  
Managing Editor

Associated Students Organization opened up their first executive council session of the spring semester with motions to lower the cost of student activity cards and to allow poll workers to work on a voluntary basis, both of which failed to pass.

A.S.O. President "Buzzin'" Joe Scardino moved to lower the cost of student activity cards to \$6.50 for student activities, and \$3.50 for parking, to be effective beginning Summer '78, only to see the motion tabled.

Because four newly elected council members failed to appear at the meeting Tuesday, there was not a sufficient number of elected council members present to pass the motion with the required three-quarters majority vote, according to ASO Treasurer Sherri Kalivoda.

As a result, the motion was tabled.

Informed sources believe that the motion to lower the cost of I.D.'s will pass when enough members of council show up to vote on it.

Of the council members that failed to appear Scardino said, "I haven't even seen three of them yet."

The volunteer poll worker motion, presented by Theresa-Kathryn Scott, commissioner of elections, was designed to amend the existing regula-

tion which states poll workers must be paid.

Scott stated that there wasn't enough money in the elections expense account to cover the cost of upcoming elections. Therefore, she continued, it was necessary to cut expenses.

Scardino and Scott agreed that by having voluntary poll workers it would enable A.S.O. to cut election costs so that upcoming elections, which are important to A.S.O., could be held.

This motion caused a majority of council members to abstain from the vote, killing the motion, without further discussion.

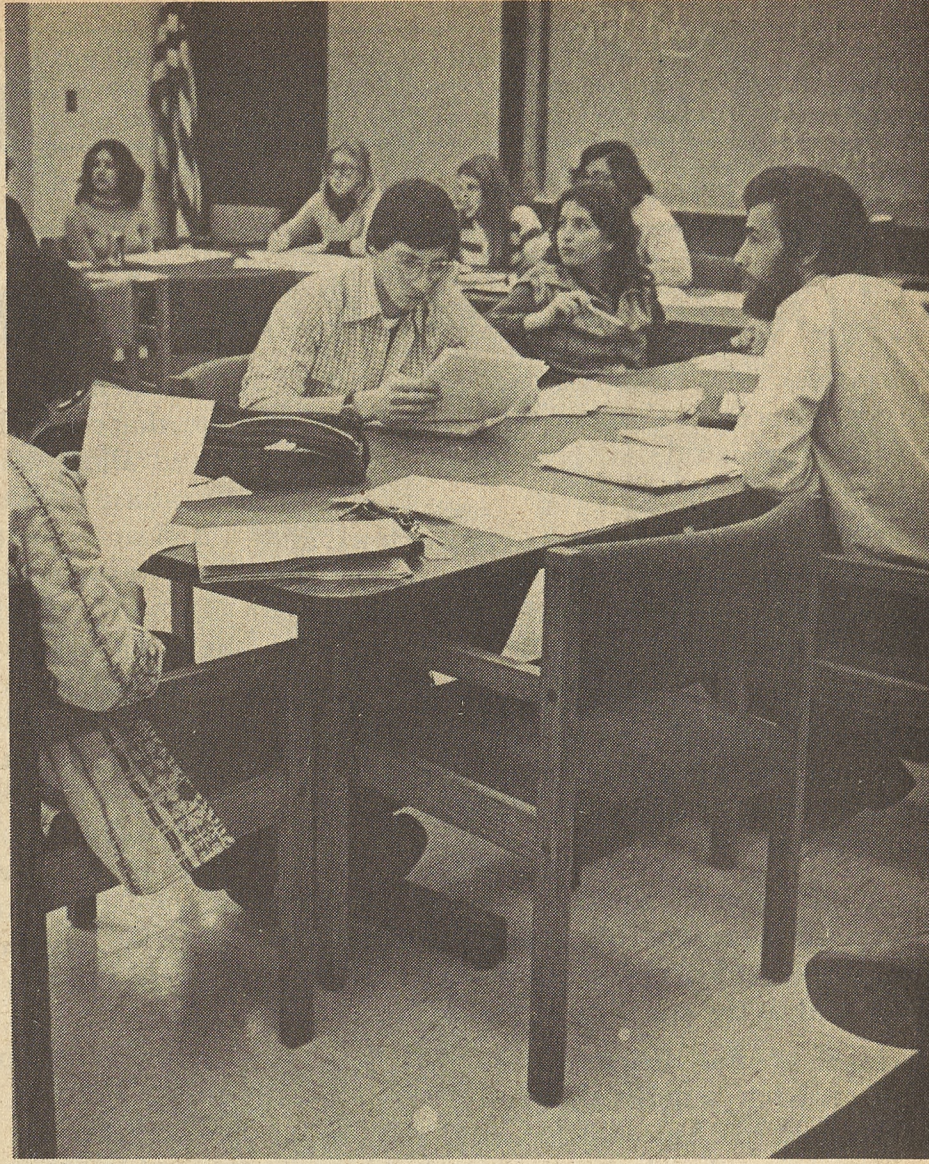
"I was surprised not to see the volunteer poll worker motion go through," said Scardino after the vote.

"I'm also disappointed that if the new council members didn't understand the motion, that they didn't ask questions," Scardino pointed out.

Other council action included an announcement of five vacant council seats, for which applications will be accepted up until Feb. 8.

Council will elect candidates for the remaining seats on Feb. 14.

Steve Manuels, former A.S.O. president, was elected by council as parliamentarian by a unanimous vote.



**EMPTY CHAIRS**—Due to the lack of four newly elected council members at the first meeting of the semester, a motion to reduce the cost of paid I.D.'s was tabled. Star Photo by Susan Breslow

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### BOTH GOOD AND BAD

## District Takeover Effect Discussed

By HUNTER LOWRY  
City Editor

The district's takeover of curricular funding will have "quite an impact," according to Donald Brunet, dean of administrative services.

The general effect of the takeover is certain functions, previously performed by the Associated Students Organization, will now be the responsibility of the district. One example is bookstore security.

Security personnel to check belongings outside the bookstore were hired by the Associated Students, but now must be handled by the administrative services office.

In the past, the Associated Students have funded such things as music,

athletics and art programs, and a fee was collected from students to pay for models in art classes. Now this money must be collected from the district, but a program is being worked out to allow the models to be paid in advance as before.

The main problem with the takeover is that, as the funding for programs must be approved by the district, the money takes more time to be delivered to its destination. Often the funds must be paid by an instructor and reimbursed by the district later.

"We are trying to set up faster procedures to get money in case of emergency," Brunet stated.

"There are presently three ways we

can purchase on an emergency basis," said Brunet.

One is a revolving fund to purchase supplies, with a \$50 limit which they are trying to increase to \$100.

There is also an emergency purchase authority, used to buy supplies and parts with a \$100 limit but this order must be processed through the district and takes two to four weeks to pay the vendor.

The third method is an emergency purchase order which requires Brunet or one of his staff to go down to the district and request emergency funds. The only limit for this is the legal limit of \$5,000, over which the project must be bid upon.

One possible good point that Brunet sees coming out of the district takeover, is the fact that ASO was not required to seek three bids on expenditures made, whereas the district is required by law to do so on purchases over the \$5,000 limit. It is possible that with the requirement of bidding on purchases now in effect, a better deal can be achieved and the money will go farther.

Brunet said that a similar takeover program has "worked out in many colleges throughout the state," and in talking with district personnel has found that "with many colleges that have done this, the feeling is that this step should have been taken some time before."

### SCARDINO TO MAKE CHANGES

## New AS President Begins Term

By SHERYL RABOY  
Feature Editor

If newly elected Associated Students President Joe Scardino has his way, all students, whether they have paid I.D. or not, will be allowed to vote.

"I've talked and complained about this issue to Dr. John McCuen, vice-chancellor of educational planning and development, and he's talked to the board and assured me that a change

will take effect shortly," said Scardino.

Although a new officer, Scardino is no stranger to the problems and issues facing Valley students.

In his fifth semester at Valley, Scardino has been active in its student government for a number of semesters, which has helped him make contact with local and state officials who often help him in getting

legislation passed which will help community colleges.

"As of now, our school constitution states voters must conform to district regulations; those regulations state one must be a paid member of the A.S. in order to vote.

"This is viewed now as a poll tax, and McCuen and I are hoping to change the stipulation," stated Scardino.

Another change to be recently introduced by Scardino is the provision in the newly-proposed constitution (to be voted upon for ratification in March) calling for the elimination and/or combination of several offices in student government.

The offices of associated men's and women's president are two of the four offices scheduled for extinction following ratification of the proposed constitution.

"Those officers don't organize anything and they have no specific duties," said Scardino, "so they're being eliminated."

The commissioner of fine arts and the handicapped commissioner's offices will also be no more under the proposed constitution.

"The commissioner of fine arts oversees the budget and, as the district is now in charge of the funds, that officer no longer has any duties. In the case of the handicapped commissioner, it just didn't work out," Scardino said.

The commissioners of men's and women's athletics will be merged into the office of intramural sports and athletics.

The last council change will involve the commissioner of records, whose position will be converted into historian, and will become a non-voting member of council.

"I have also included in the new constitution, the proposal that the offices of president, vice-president, and treasurer be extended to a year from the present one semester. This

way the top officers will have more time to learn their jobs and do them well," stated Scardino.

"By this re-organization of council, we hope to become the 'student government' the Star said was needed in a recent editorial.

"We've got a good program this year and hopefully it'll be one that will last," said Scardino.

A few minor changes in the college catalog concerning class descriptions are at the top of Scardino's list of priorities.

"I've been messed up too many times and have gotten classes that didn't suit my needs, thanks to the catalog. The revised ones should be ready for Fall 1978," Scardino mentioned.

Another establishment he hopes to bring about is a teacher evaluation form, which will be filled out by students, the results compiled and packaged for reference.

"I'm also working on upgrading our lawyer service," Scardino said. "It's good, but I've been approached by other people who know of better services."

The Health plan, brought about by last semester's A.S. president John Donohue, Scardino regards as too expensive and not comprehensive enough.

"Steve Katz was working on a great health plan last year and he submitted it to the Board of Trustees but we ran into a roadblock: the liability concerning the sale of certain drugs," said Scardino.

"If we want to institute this plan, we'll not be able to offer prescription drugs," said Scardino.

"I've talked to a number of people with whom I will be working this semester," said Scardino, "and I believe we'll all get along fine."

"When my term is up in June, I know that I will have done all I could for the students at Valley."

## 'Tutmania' Creates New Lecture Series

King Tut is alive.

At least he is in the minds of Los Angeles residents who gobbled up all available tickets to the King Tutankhamen exhibit at the County Museum of Art.

Crowds overflowed at every lecture being held at museums and colleges throughout the area, and who are buying by the thousands everything from expensive gold replicas of treasures found in the tomb, to King Tut T-shirts.

Dr. Shannon Stack, professor of humanities and lecturer in the Valley College series on the Egyptian king and his treasures, says that it's all a fad.

To prepare the community for what they're going to see at the exhibit, two days of lectures have been prepared by Stack and will take place in Monarch Hall on Saturday, March 18 and Sunday March 19, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Admission is free. Stack anticipates having to turn several people away, as Monarch Hall can only accommodate seating for 600 people.

Two topics will be covered each day. "Egyptology and the Discovery of the Tomb Tutankhamen" and "Egyptian Religion and Burial Customs" will be discussed on Saturday. Following this will be "The Life and Times of Tutankhamen" and "The Treasures of Tutankhamen" on Sunday.

## VC Professor Files \$1.5 Million Suit

A \$1.5 million libel suit has been filed by Valley College Professor of Journalism Roger Graham in response to an "Atlantic Monthly" article which allegedly implied he lacked professional experience or training. Graham alleged in a Los Angeles Superior Court suit last Friday that the article "Woodstein," notes on the mass production and questionable education of journalists, published in March 1977, has hurt his standing in the profession.

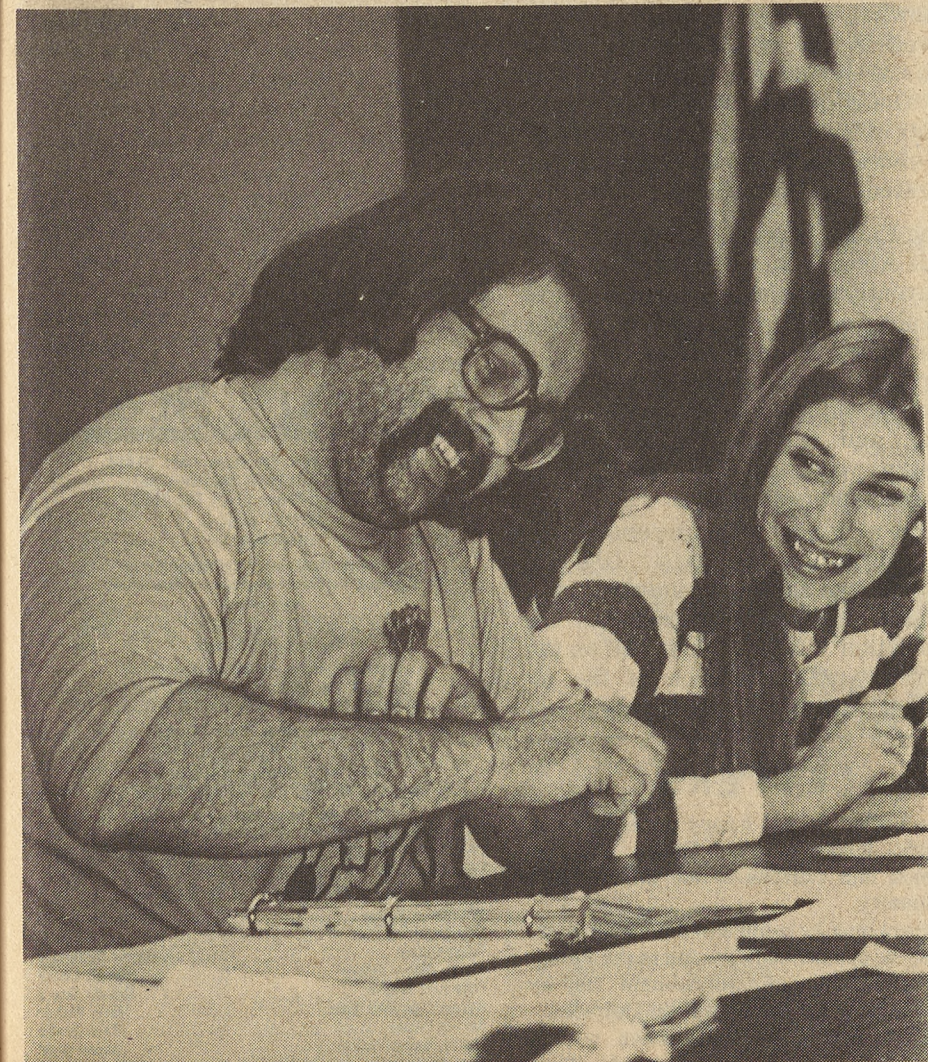
As one of only five full-time journalism faculty members at Valley at the time the article was written, Graham says although he was not

named, he was libeled in the following excerpt:

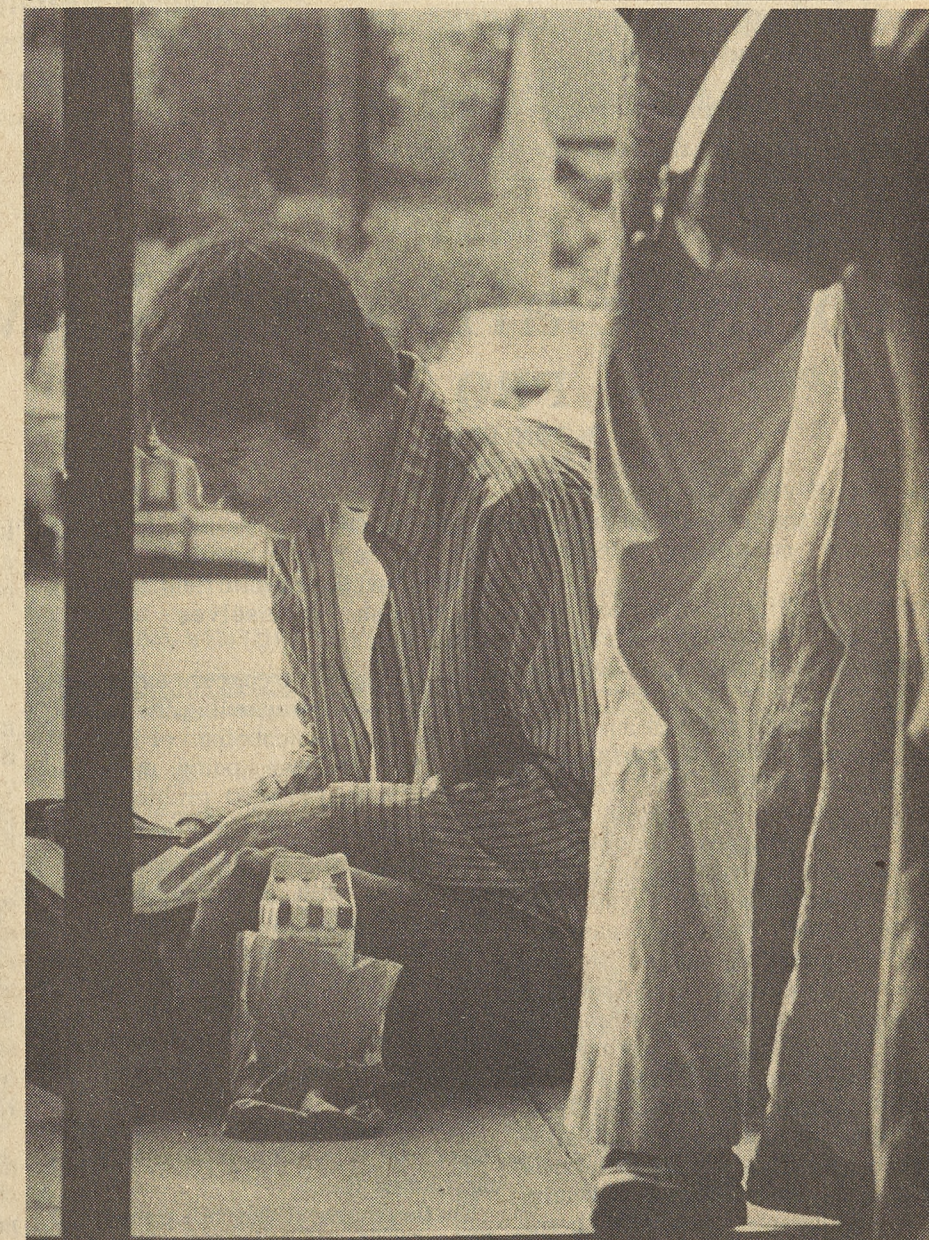
"Of five full-time faculty members, none had previous journalism experience and none has ever taken a course in journalism."

Graham claims the article is false because, "I have spent most my adult life involved in journalism. I have an A.A. in journalism from Valley, a B.A. in journalism from Cal State University, Fresno, and I have been paid for working full-time on several professional publications."

Graham is presently national president of the Community College Journalism Association.



**NEW PRESIDENT**—"Buzzin'" Joe Scardino, new elected AS president, is in favor of having all students vote in elections, whether they have a paid I.D. or not. Star Photo by Susan Breslow



**TAKING A BREAK**—Long lines to enroll for classes during the rush before the start of the semester cause one weary student to relax a moment with a book.



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## STAR EDITORIALS

## Hooky Players Run Council

This week's opening session of the spring semester Associated Student Organization's executive council could have been productive, but it wasn't.

Council could have passed a motion lowering the cost of the student activity card, but the absence of four recently elected council members prevented it.

Star believes that lowering the cost of the student activity card is a good idea. We also believe that it is the responsibility of each council member to show up at their meetings. Excuses are not acceptable.

With the district takeover of co-curricular funding, the actions of this council are extremely important to students presently attending Valley College and to the students of the future.

Because of the district takeover, A.S.O. is limited in what benefits they can offer students with the paid I.D. Since the I.D. will not do what it used to, it is only fair that the price be lowered.

Now all we need is for council members to show up at their meetings.

Star urges them to do so, and to vote for lowering the cost of the paid I.D. We also urge new members of council to learn how to vote on an issue.

We mention this because of the vote, or non-vote, that council cast concerning a motion which would allow volunteers to work poll booths in upcoming elections.

A clear majority of council members abstained from voting on this motion.

Either they didn't understand the motion and the explanation which accompanied it, or there is some mysterious reason why people in student council abstain from voting on motions.

If they didn't understand the motion they should have discussed it.

Star is not taking a position on volunteer poll workers, but we do believe that the motion deserved a vote, or at least a little discussion. We don't care whether that discussion goes on before council meetings or during them, just as long as it happens.

Communication is vital if this semester's council is to be successful in dealing with the district takeover. That same lack of communication in last semester's council severely limited them and resulted in their ineffectiveness.

Star hopes that this semester's council can overcome any problems they may have in the beginning, so they can get on with the tremendous task of dealing with the effects of the district takeover.

## Academic Standards

Valley College faculty took an important step yesterday toward reversing what many fear are declining academic standards.

We wish to commend those responsible for taking the lead in facing the problem and making the effort to find a solution.

Nearly a year ago, in response to a request from the Chancellor, academic standards committees were formed at all nine of the L.A. community college campuses.

Their function was to review scholastic requirements on each campus. Valley's committee submitted its report in November.

However, rather than wait for action at the District level, Valley's Curriculum Committee took the initiative and formed its own academic

standards sub-committee last year.

The sub-committee has presented to the curriculum committee its proposal for policy changes which, they feel, will improve the scholastic integrity of Valley College.

The Curriculum Committee must now submit the recommendations to the college administration. While it remains to be seen how effective these recommendations might be in achieving the goal of re-establishing high scholastic achievement among students at Valley, we believe the faculty has shown genuine leadership and concern in taking the initiative. We urge the administration to give these proposals the prompt consideration such initiative warrants.

## Ethical Code Governs Star

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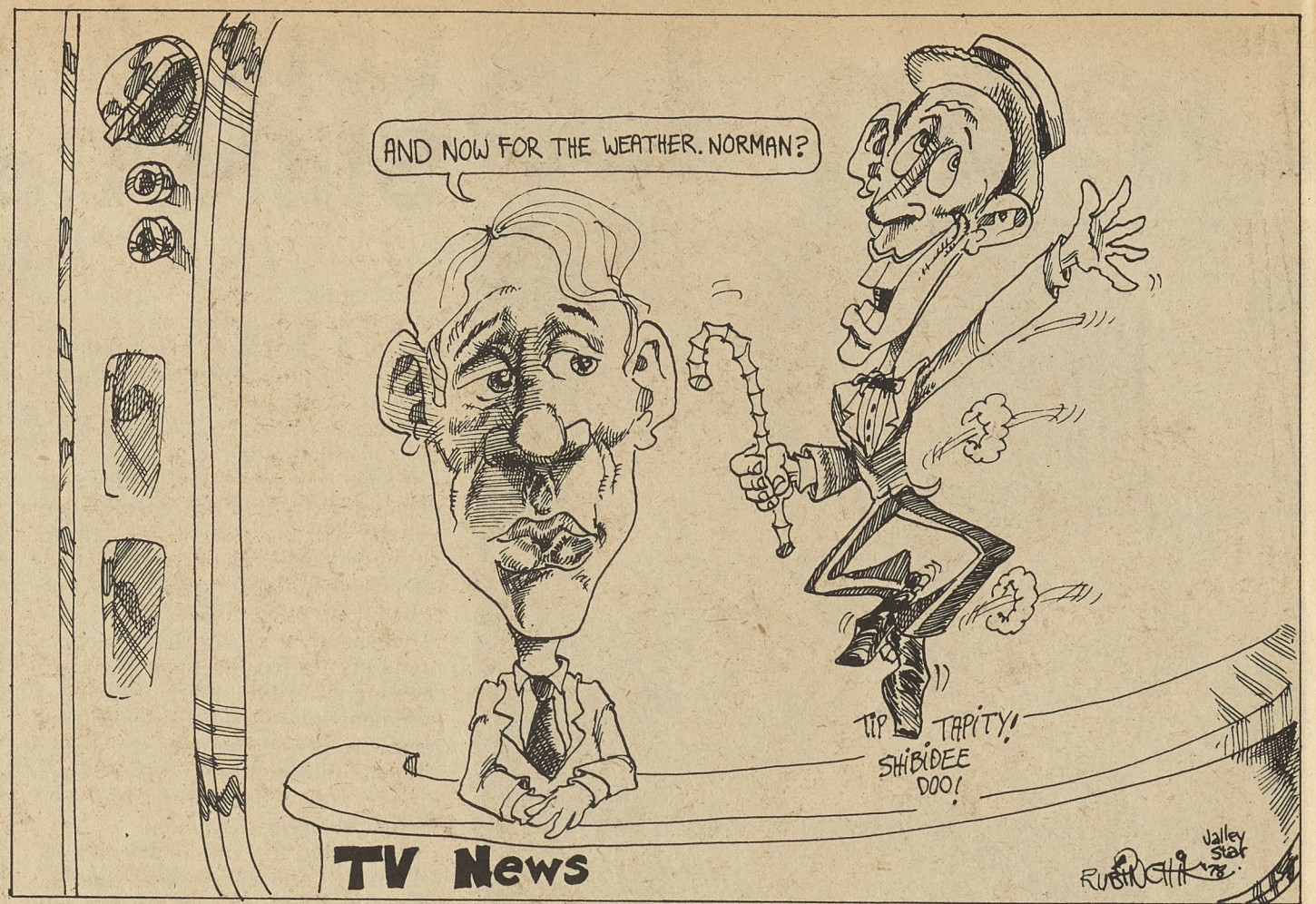
The Star's primary purpose is to publish unbiased news accounts of activities, events, and persons connected with Valley College. It is the privilege of the editorial staff to extend these functions to include publication of student opinion to express a constructive editorial policy. Star will deal only in issues, not personalities, in both editorial and columns.

The policy of this newspaper will be independent; it will seek to uphold the highest ideals of

journalism, while endeavoring to contribute to the betterment and growth of Valley College.

Truth, accuracy, sincerity, and fairness will prevail in the coverage of all activities and events of this campus. It is the Star's right to determine what will be printed.

Statements made by faculty members or students, except in a public gathering, will not be quoted without the consent of the persons being quoted. The Star will not invade the private rights or feelings of any individual without substantial constructive grounds for doing so. The act of retracting false or malicious statements will be considered a privilege as well as a duty. Any staff member who uses his influence for a selfish or malicious purpose is a discredit to the journalism profession and will be subject to disciplinary action.



## COMMENTARY

## Television News Disgrace To Journalistic Principles

By ALBERT AROUH  
Editor-in-Chief

What television has done to journalism is a disgrace!

No longer is it good enough to just present the news on T.V. You have to dress it up and make it attractive, in order to get the ratings, which are everything as far as television is concerned.

Unfortunately, newscasting, as well as everything else in America, is influenced greatly by the pull of the dollar. As a result, in order to insure high ratings, news shows have reduced their standards below any level of integrity and credibility.

I can accept the small annoyances

that television news has to offer, like having actors instead of reporters. But what is totally unacceptable, to my way of thinking, is the unnecessary and phoney dialogue that goes on between newscasters.

One local station has a weatherman who spends most of his time putting down the sports reporter for the way he dresses.

Although this banter seems to be impromptu, it's really just part of the script, which is all in keeping with their image of being one big happy family.

They do this at the viewers' expense. But it helps get the all important ratings. The time given to these

matters of trivia takes away from the original purpose of the news cast.

Unfortunately, most important issues on television are given a few minutes of air time, where other mediums, such as newspapers, may devote several articles to a subject.

Television, represents a basic philosophy that is governed by the dollar. Therefore, as far as network executives are concerned, what you say is not as important as who says it.

The tragedy is that people feel that because they watch television news they are well-informed, but the sad truth is that they are not. And as long as people rely on T.V. as their only source of information, they won't be.

## VIEWPOINT

## Vandalism of Redwood Trees Sick, Childish Act of Violence

By HUNTER LOWRY  
City Editor

Nature is there for all to enjoy—or destroy.

One can try to protect it; create preserves, make laws, hire rangers, but nature never can be fenced in entirely. There will always be some cold-blooded sadistic fool who will ruin things for everyone else.

A recent example is the vicious vandalism of 16 redwood trees in Humboldt County.

Some person or persons perpetrated their own "chainsaw massacre" on one of the oldest and grandest of nature's creations. The damage to the trees was so great that nine of them had to be removed.

Vandalism is a childish act of violence. It serves no purpose, has no end, except wanton destruction.

People wreak violence everyday. They bomb, shoot, stab, strangle, and beat each other for reasons known or unknown only to themselves. But to

think that a person would destroy something as silent, innocuous, and unobjectionable as a tree is unimaginable.

These trees, some of which have stood for more than 2,000 years through storm, drought, earthquake, fire, and flood, have finally fallen to some mere idiot's lunacy.

All that can be hoped is that if the criminal is caught, and I do not believe he will be, the punishment will be fitting. No slap on the wrist, no token

fine, or suspended sentence will do.

The punishment must be something which will dissuade other sadistic criminals from such wanton acts of violence if their own sick minds and consciences can not. The criminal should be jailed.

The crime should be realized for what it is; murder of the first degree, brutal, premeditated, and unforgivable.

Then, perhaps, someday the world will grow up.

## LETTER TO THE STAR

## 'Athusoc' Voices Opinion On Humorous Editorial

Dear Editor,

If I take the eighth paragraph of "Orchids, Onions Awards" (Valley Star, Jan. 12) by itself and drop the rest of the editorial, my "Orchid Award" is somewhat complimentary. When viewed in the context of the whole editorial, it becomes more acrid than the "Onion Award." Recalling certain events of last semester, I think I would feel more comfortable being lumped with God and the phone company.

The Fall Editorial Board had known about Athusoc since September, but, apparently thinking it a big joke, chose to explore only some of the issues it has been raising. The choice was rightfully theirs; the press should be free, even if mistakes or slights are sometimes made, and it must be capable of resisting political or bureaucratic pressure and censorship.

"One member" would be enough for an organization to exist. One individual (the smallest minority) may not be a society by himself, but the abstraction "society" is based on the concrete, real existence of the individual. An individualistic person can

be very social and sociable with other individuals provided that his identity isn't lost in, or his existence isn't negated by, the collective.

Humor is an entertaining corrective. A person ought to consider himself important and take himself seriously. But if, for example, I act too self-important or take myself too seriously, my excessiveness would need correcting.

A sense of humor helps a radical preserve his sanity and cope with political and bureaucratic abuse. I enjoy laughter. I need to laugh.

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## DEBATE

## Should California Lower Drinking Age?

## PRO

By TONI DRAKE  
Sports Editor

I believe 19-year-olds deserve the right to have the privilege of legally buying and consuming alcoholic beverages.

Currently, California says "no," you must be 21; New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Montana, to name a few, say "yes."

Is this a numbers' game or a responsible judgment? Why the variances? Must we constantly be faced with the geographical law?

One man's pleasure becomes a Californian's misdemeanor.

I feel 19-year-olds have earned the privilege. Why? First, by passing through adolescence, gaining life experience, completing high school, working at responsible jobs, attending college, and, of course, fighting for their country, when necessary.

Does this entitle them to drink? Only performance and experience will tell. Most 19-year-olds drink at home, served and sanctioned by their parents, the people who know them best.

If we take away the taboo, we also diminish the desire. After all, where is the challenge?

The big question here is can they handle it? Well, they handle things very well as aids in hospitals, they're excellent on the athletic field, and they distinguish themselves on the battlefield.

I understand the concern expressed by many people regarding the safety, and the fear of alcoholism of 19-year-olds, but let me point out that alcoholism and related problems can involve people of all age groups.

All things must be taken in together. Individuals with a strong sense of character will abide by the rules, then there will always be those individuals that will abuse the rules. Where do we cross the line? Certainly, 19-year-olds must have the degree of maturity necessary to sit down as adults and enjoy a drink.

This judgment must be made in the belief that this group of young adults can handle it.

Furthermore, if this bill passes the State Senate, it goes on to the Nov. ballot, and if it goes on the ballot, then responsible 18-year-olds can vote for the 19-year-olds' right to buy a drink.

If California's legislatures vote to lower the drinking age to 19, it will be a mistake that will be paid for with our state's greatest resource: people.

The destruction by alcohol of a single human being is bad enough.

By lowering the drinking age, you increase the risk of young people developing an even bigger dependency on a drug that is responsible for 34 percent of all deaths that occur on our highways to people under 21.

What people do to themselves is entirely their own business; however, once behind the wheel of a car they become a danger to others, and lowering the drinking age would further contribute to the already severe problem of young drunken drivers, according to the California Highway Patrol.

People who actually feel that the drinking age should be lowered not only ignore statistics that prove how potentially destructive alcohol can be, but also don't take the individual person into consideration.

It's hard to imagine how lowering the drinking age would accomplish

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By ALBERT AROUH  
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anything beneficial.

The only thing it might accomplish would be to allow California's youth the opportunity to become involved with alcohol at an earlier age, and anyone who thinks that this would be productive is not being realistic.

The measure to lower the drinking age was introduced by Assemblyman Louis J. Papan (D-Daly City) and was endorsed by a 6-2 vote.

Papan said the measure would reduce the tendency among youngsters to drink solely to be accepted by friends who want to break the law.

But there will always be people who want to violate the law, and the thought of catering to those people by lowering the drinking age seems a ridiculous way of dealing with the problem.

Also, as there are 12-year-olds who break the law, would Papan's next move be to sanction the legality of allowing these children to drink as well? Where do you draw the lines?

Letting 19-year-olds drink would only add to a growing problem.



# Dean Looks Back on 60's

## Lewis Compares Changing Attitudes

By MICHAEL GOULD  
Managing Editor

In the late '60's Viet Nam War protests, SDS rallies, radical politics, and firebombs were all part of the Valley College campus scene, of which William Lewis, dean of student personnel services, remembers some violent incidents.

He remembers the day in March 1969 when a firebomb came through a window in the Administration Building. He remembers the name of the student who was arrested with two molotov cocktails on his way to the Music Building.

"Students were frustrated in the '60's and they acted out their aggression on campus," said Lewis, who still wears the same style crew cut that he has since he first became dean of students in 1962.

Lewis believes that the Viet Nam war was a catalyst for radical politics on campus.

"Many students were attending college to avoid the draft and they really didn't want to be here," said Lewis.

"Other people that felt society was failing were willing to go to jail for their convictions. I respected these people for standing up for their convictions," explained Lewis.

But sometimes, said Lewis, "I couldn't differentiate between people who had legitimate grievances and people who were imagining things."

For the most part, Lewis observes, students were concerned with a humanitarian, personal approach. Lewis believes that the students' willingness to talk, then and now, is one reason there have been "relatively" few problems at Valley.

"Students now are more sophisticated in working within the system, in making democracy work,

and in making changes," Lewis said.

Students of the '60's suggested many systems which couldn't work according to Lewis, but some of the philosophies and lifestyles born in the '60's are now "old hat."

One philosophy pointed out by Lewis is, "If it doesn't interfere with other peoples' lives then it is O.K."

"And that was new at the time," he said.

"I liked the basic honesty of students in the '60's and of today," said Lewis. "Students did things then that were daring in creating new styles of living."

The appearance of students is another aspect of campus life that Lewis believes has changed since the '60's.

"Students look better now and they are more concerned with style. They dress more expensively and it looks as though students now brush their hair more often than they did then," said Lewis.

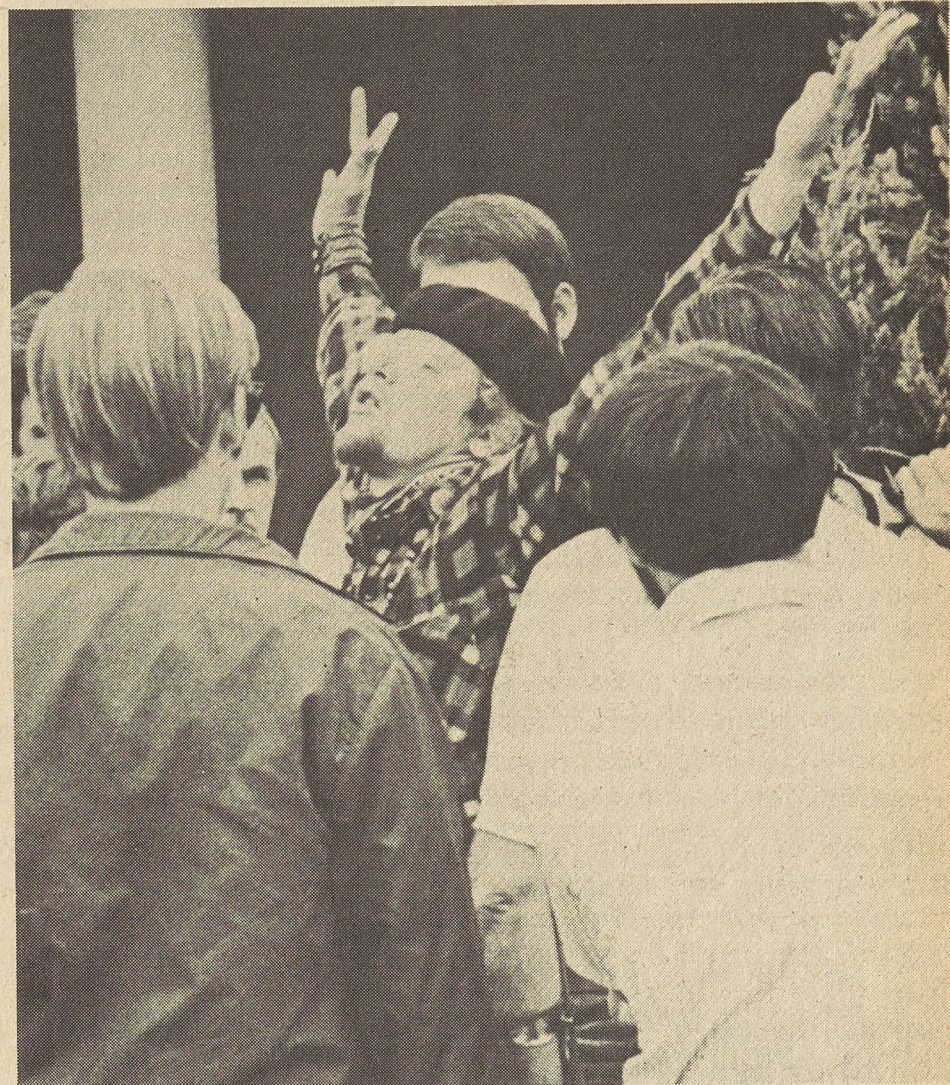
In the '60's, Lewis explains, students were trying to look poor. They didn't want the image of being part of society.

"There was a much greater attempt to be different then, even dirty—anything to shock people," Lewis said.

Academically, Lewis believes that the students of today are less prepared than the students of the '60's.

"Students are less prepared today for achieving in an academic climate," said Lewis, "but the focus on learning at Valley is greater today than in the '60's."

This is because students now have a greater area to cover and because they are not getting the basic skills in elementary and high schools, Lewis explained.



**STUDENT ACTIVIST**—A Valley student in 1969 is shown demonstrating his enthusiasm for revolutionary change through necessity of armed struggle.

**REMINISCING**—Dean William Lewis looks back on the frustration and aggression he remembers from his days at Valley College during the sixties.

Star photo by Tom Neerken

## District Okays New Mission College Site

By GLORIA BEVERAGE  
News Editor

Los Angeles Mission College has received approval from the Los Angeles Community College District for a possible permanent campus site.

The College, which will celebrate its third anniversary Friday, has been holding classes in various store front locations in the north San Fernando Valley.

The proposed site is 137 acres at Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Hubbard Street in Sylmar.

"However, we're probably five years away from actually being on the site," stated Merleen O'Connor, Mission's public information officer.

"First the District must determine the fair market value for the property," O'Connor explained. "Once an appraisal of the property has been made the District will offer the owner what they feel is a fair price."

At the same time an Environmental Impact Report on the property must be filed and will probably be approved by this summer, according to David Wolf, assistant dean of college development at Mission.

Once the report has been approved, Wolf reports plans could proceed to acquire the property.

In the meantime, a committee consisting of community members and college administrators, is working with the architectural firm of Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill, Kennard, Delahousie and Gault to determine the overall campus image.

"We don't plan to start out as a bunch of bungalows," O'Connor stated. "We plan to build the entire facility in one phase."

Wolf stresses this pre-planning stage "must have flexibility in defining space, that is, what programs have how much space. Even after the campus is constructed, it must have flexibility to adjust to changing needs."

He adds that present discussion does not lack the college nor the architects into one plan at this time.

The report of the committee is hoped to be completed by early March.

"The college's new site will be community oriented," O'Connor said. "We've gotten input from the people who wanted this college in their community. They will decide ultimately what facilities the campus will require."

## VC Speech Squad Wins Second Place

Valley's forensics team took a second place in a two year school sweepstakes during the forty-niner invitational speech tournament held Jan. 13 and 14.

Thirty colleges and universities attended the event at Long Beach State University, including some from as far away as Texas, Oregon, and Utah.

Three students won awards in the tournament: Mitzi Mogul won a first place in junior oral interpretation, Maxine Flame took third place in junior expository speaking, and Daphne Lee won a second place in varsity oratory. Lee was the only student from a two year college in the finals.

"The entire team is very young," stated speech coach Jim Marteney. "Before this semester nobody had any

experience, but they worked hard and are beginning to develop into a championship team."

Other finalists in the tournament included Tom Thomas in junior expository speaking, Mitzi Mogul in varsity expository speaking, and Robin Crystal and Gail Lohrer, who with Maxine Flame were three of the six people in the finals for junior expository speaking.

Louis Waco was a quarter finalist in debate.

Marteney has positive feelings about the team's progress during the past semester.

"The season is only half over and we are preparing for state and national championships now. If we continue improving as we have been, we will make an impressive showing," Marteney predicts.

## What's Happening

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

**THE HISTORY OF MEXICO**—Sam Mayo, professor of history, narrates a 45-part TV series on Mexico from the earliest arrival of man on the North American Continent to consideration of what tomorrow holds for Mexico. The series will be aired Monday, Wednesday and Friday on Channel 2 at 6:23 a.m. and on Channel 58 at 7 p.m. Viewers may obtain tuition-free college credit for the series through the Office of New Dimensions' Instructional Television unit. For further information, contact the ITV office at 660-4821.

**S.H.E. CENTER PRESENTS**—Personal Development Groups including "Returning Women," "Men's and Women's Consciousness Raising," "Body Awareness and Movement," "Being Single," "Gay Experience," "Shyness—What are you missing?" will be starting this week. For information and sign up come to the S.H.E. Center, CC 108.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

**CAREERS IN TV DANCE**—The Spring Occupational Exploration Series will kick off with a lecture by Claudia Chaplin of the Institute for Dance & Experimental Art at 11 a.m. in the Dance Studio, Women's Gym.

**CAREERS IN HUMAN SERVICES**—Dr. Marilyn Ogle of the Psychology Department will discuss "Careers in Human Services" at 11 a.m. in BSC 106.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**"THE POLITICS OF LIBERTY"**—A taped presentation by humanist philosopher Dr. John Hospers with a discussion to follow is being sponsored by Athusoc at 1 p.m. in the Quad area.

AROUND CAMPUS

**HUMANIST COALITION**—A coalition for students and faculty is being planned as an on-campus activity. Interested students and faculty are asked to contact Patrick Maguire at ext. 455 or call Burt Siskin at ext. 238.

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## Teacher Evaluation Program Discussed

Plans to prepare a teacher evaluation pamphlet, extend the cafeteria hours and to keep the library open for the first time during Easter were among the topics discussed at the most recent President's breakfast.

The monthly breakfast was instituted, according to Associated Students President Joe Scardino, so the President could meet with students on a regular basis and discuss campus issues.

Scardino started the discussion regarding the teacher evaluation pamphlet. He emphasized that "such a pamphlet would be the simplest, most constructive means for one to gain essential information about instructors during registration and enrollment."

Among those who attended the breakfast was Pat Allen, chairperson of the Sociology Department. "Personally, I'm for teacher evaluation," Allen stated, "but I might point out that there have been problems in the past with it."

Scardino later said, "Some council members and myself have been doing research, and we hope to design a pamphlet similar to those of CSUN and UCLA, but this a special committee will do at a later time."

After the book is designed in its entirety, according to Scardino, it would be submitted to the Faculty Senate for final approval. "We already have faculty members to testify in

favor of the project, and we're confident that the Senate will endorse it," he said.

Dr. Thurston also stated that had been done before and "there were problems that were not perceived with teacher evaluation which may be the reason why they didn't work so well."

The pamphlets would probably cost between 15-25 cents and, according to Scardino, "there would be an approximately ten question survey which would be distributed in every class." The survey would provide each student with the opportunity to evaluate the instructor's tests, lectures, and attitude.

In addition to the teacher evaluation, cafeteria hours were also discussed. Several students voiced dismay over the fact that between three and four in the afternoon, there is nowhere on the campus to get something to eat.

Dr. Thurston voiced concern on the matter and said she would see if the cafeteria could be kept open during those hours.

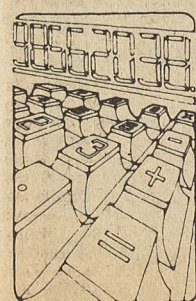
As a result of the discussion Valley College students will get a chance to utilize the library facility during Easter vacation for the first time in the history of the school.

The president's next breakfast will be held on Thursday, February 16, at 8 a.m. Interested students should contact June Harwood in the student affairs office to receive an invitation.

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# Cagers Stumble to 2-4 Mark

By TONI DRAKE  
Sports Editor

Valley's court-stomping basketball team learned that competition can have its ups and downs, as they received a 2-4 conference record over these past two weeks of Metro action, but the buck doesn't stop there.

The Monarchs now await the arrival of Pasadena College tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m. for their second and final meeting of this year's bout.

## Pasadena 56-Valley 51

Pasadena City College rendered Valley's small stature and vulnerability into a Lancer win, by upending the Monarchs, 56-51, in their league opener earlier this month.

Coach Jim Stephens and his men finished the evening with a 39% low from the field, averaging 19 of 48 attempts.

The Monarchs made a clean start, but became too anxious, losing control of the ball and the game.

Despite their low shooting percentage, VC managed 13 of 18 attempts at the free-throw line, and held penalties to a minimum, with only Steve Scott fouling out well into the third period.

Lonnie Camper, a name soon destined to become a legend in VC basketball, led the troupe with 10 points, 13

rebounds, one assists, and three interceptions, followed by Russ Peterson and Scott with eight points apiece.

Kenny Burns, Jim Holland, and John McDonough all had one thing in common—they scored six points each, followed by a five point effort from John Downum.

Though the final score suggested a close game, Pasadena, with their size and power, led 33-25 at the half, and throughout the third and fourth periods.

## PIERCE 60-VALLEY 58

When arch-rivals such as Pierce College and the Valley Monarchs meet for a little basketball, the game is a far cry from serenity and both teams proved just that, as they went into overtime, with Pierce holding on to upset Valley 60-58.

### Why an upset?

Valley had a chance to win it at the end of regulation, but the ball would not bounce the right way.

Monarch guard Russ Peterson missed a crucial shot and the Brahmas snatched the rebound with five seconds remaining. Pierce then called time-out.

Brahma Don Disney took the ball the length of the court and sank a 35 footer at the buzzer to win the game.

Valley played well and kept the competition tight, leading 30-29 at the half. After regulation, both teams deadlocked at 54-54.

Pierce bolted for an outstanding 58% from the field to VC's 49%, as well as leading in free-throws, 14 to six.

Scott poured in 24 points for the Monarchs, followed by Jim Holland with 14.

Camper swished in six points, while alleyooping for 14 rebounds. Peterson, like Camper, had six points, five rebounds, and six assists.

McDonough, Burns, Downum, and John Barnhart rounded out the score, contributing two points apiece.

## VALLEY 83-EAST L.A. 71

While on the road to East L.A. with an 0-2 record in Metro play, Valley ended their losing streak by routing the Huskies, 83-71.

ELA dominated most of the first half until Valley turned it around with two minutes remaining in play. The Monarchs jumped to a 38-35 halftime mark.

VC opened the second half with a 68-51 edge behind the scoring punch of Scott (20 points), and Camper (19 points), who also stole 18 rebounds from the Huskies.

Peterson accounted for 10 points, three rebounds, and 13 assists, while Holland accumulated 10 points, one rebound, and one assist.

Other Monarch scores came from Rick Jusko (six points), McDonough (5), Downum (4), Darrell Herberg (4), and Scott Soller with three.

## LONG BEACH 66-VALLEY 57

Valley did not play as bad as the figure shows (66-57) against the Long Beach Vikings, but sloppy play in the last two minutes cost the Monarchs their third loss of the season, and a bit of anguish.

The Monarchs and the Vikes were perfectly matched in physical stature, which is quite a change of pace, since VC has one of the smallest teams in the Metro.

Long Beach preyed on Valley's weaknesses late in the final period of action to finally win the contest.

Peterson gave a good showing, pouring in 17 points, eight rebounds, and six assists, while teammate Holland racked up 14 points and six assists.

Scott shot for 12 points and two rebounds, as Camper swished in 11 points and 10 rebounds. Downum contributed two points to round out the score.

## BAKERSFIELD 82-VALLEY 78

When Valley can stand up to a powerhouse like Bakersfield College, whose record is impressive (ranked second in the state; 21-1 overall), and trail by only four points, then credit is due, regardless of the 82-78 loss.

The Monarchs played a well-rounded game, including excellent passing, a forceful defense, and individual achievements.

Bakersfield were certainly the showmen, making shots that the pro's might make, completing seven of 10 shots from the field, or 70%.

Scott finished the evening with 22 points and two assists, while Camper compiled 18 points and 12 rebounds.

Downum was 100% from the field and the free-throw line, bringing his total to 12 points.

Peterson and Holland shot for eight apiece, as Barnhart and McDonough racked up six and four points respectively.

## VALLEY 86-MISSION 52

Coach Stephens suited up and played all 13 members of VC's squad last Friday evening, because when you can annihilate Mission College, 86-52, then you can afford to play the second string.

It was Valley's show all the way, as they latched on to a secure 35-19, halftime lead.

The Monarchs stopped Mission cold, holding them to a minute two points, with eight minutes of play already accounted for.

VC shot for a remarkable 20 for 21 point average from the free-throw line, as Camper, singlehandedly, snatched a career high for rebounds with 19.

Strayer fast broke to a 14 point effort, performed in just six minutes of play.

Scott, once again reigned scoring 20 points and grabbing seven rebounds, as Peterson, Camper and McDonough dunked eight apiece. Holland swished in six, while Soller, Jusko, and Tom Crawford pitched in four apiece. Herberg contributed two points.

## SPORTS MENU

(For the week of Feb. 1-8)

BASKETBALL—Feb. 3, Pasadena at Valley, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 8, Valley at Pierce, 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING—Feb. 3, Valley in Regionals at El Camino, All Day.

# Mitmen Prepare for Compton

By HAL KLEIN  
Staff Writer

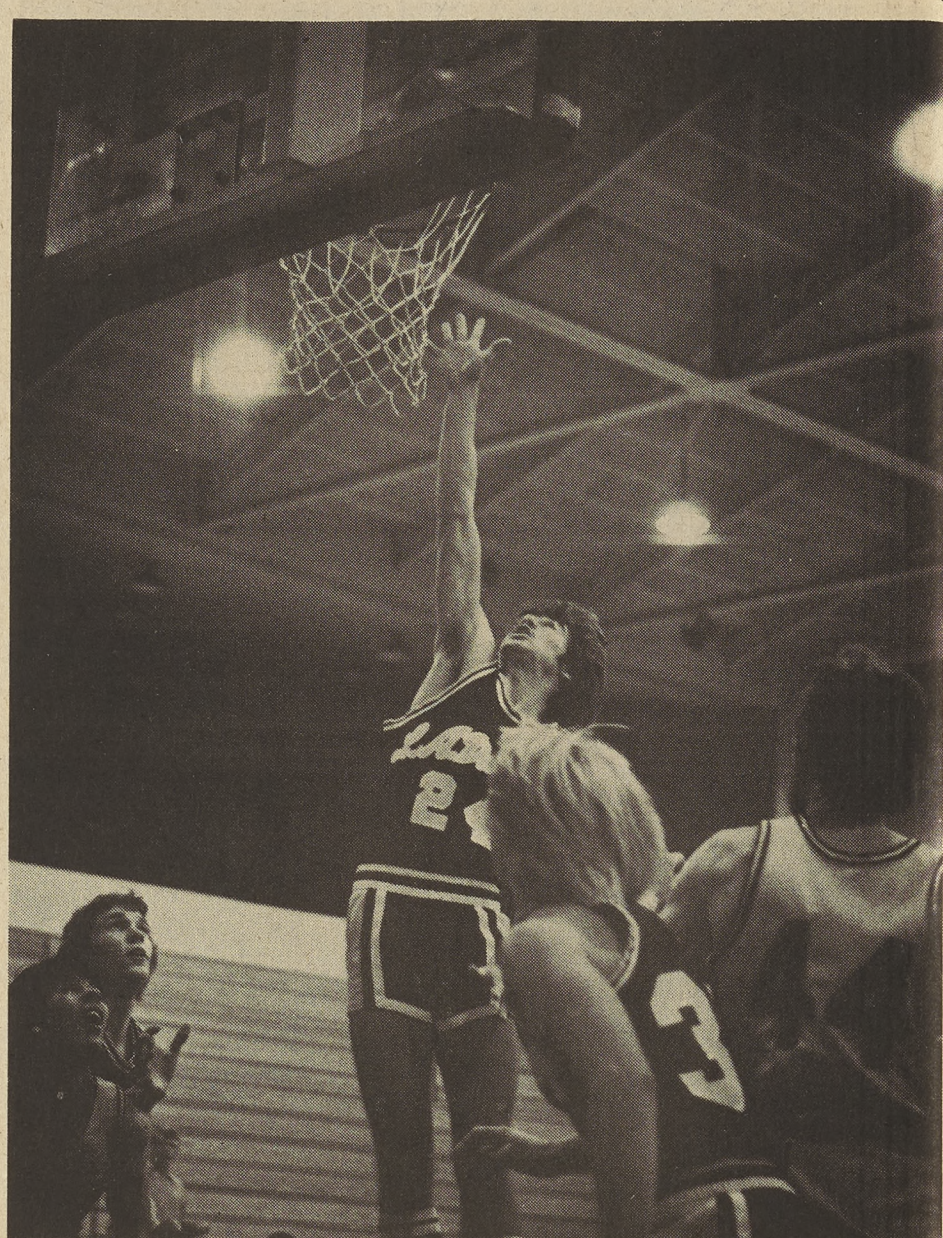
It's a new season. There is a new coaching staff, and the stage is set for the Monarchs 1978 Baseball opener at Compton College on Feb. 7 at 2:30 p.m.

The Monarchs will be headed by Dave Snow who coached at Cal-State Fullerton last season. He has two capable assistant coaches in George Horton from Cerritos College, and Dan Petta who will return as Valley's batting coach after a two year layoff.

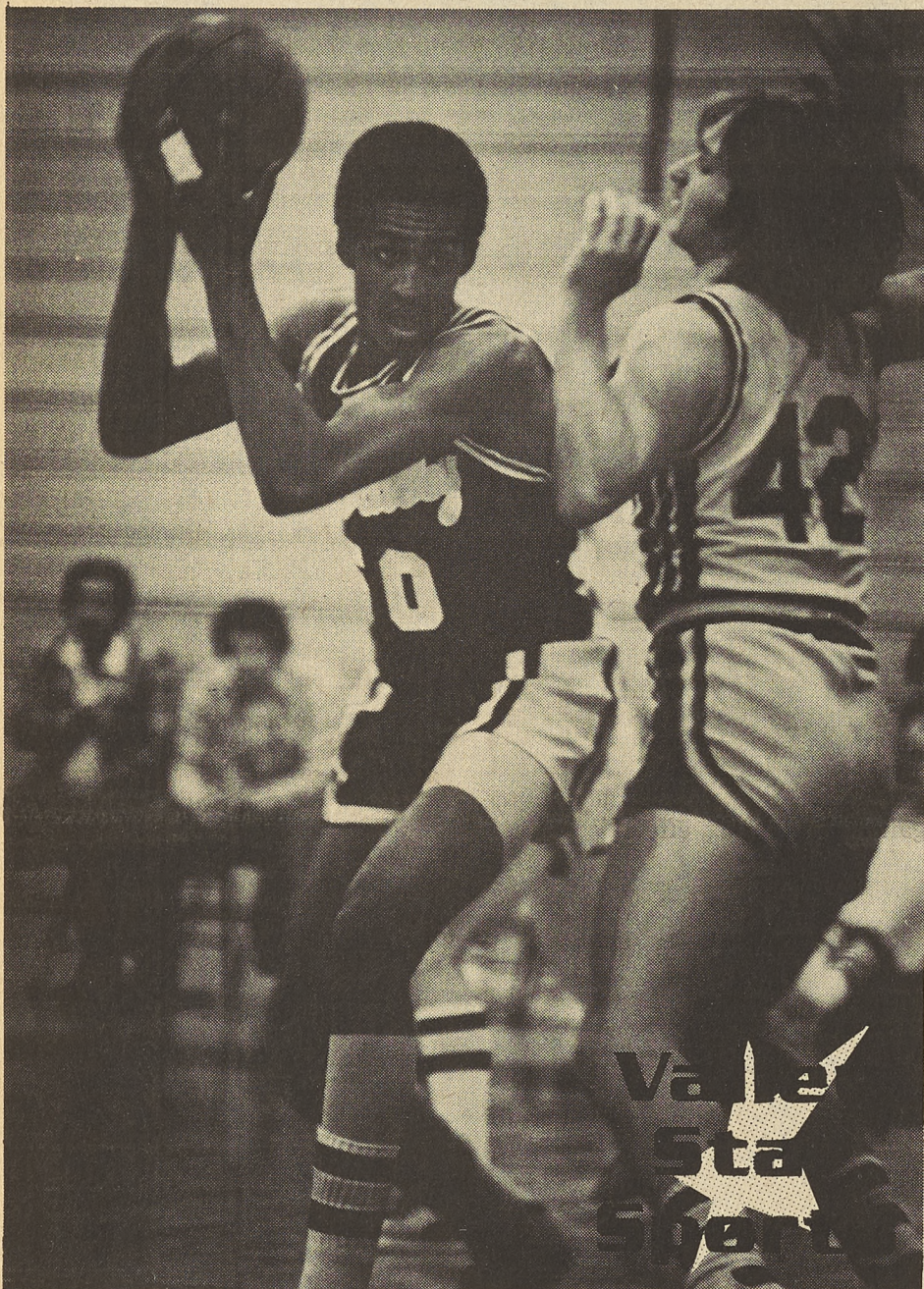
VC will open the season with 11 pitchers. The Monarchs are led by sophomores Tom Poloski, Scott Hergott, Gus Dominquez, and freshmen Gregg Dehart from North Hollywood High School.

In the catching department Valley will open with sophomore John Huizinga, freshmen Russ Stephens (Simi Valley), and Terry Canning (Monroe).

In the infield slot their is seven capable infielders led by sophomore Paul Plinski, and Roger Lang. The remainder of the infield includes Carson Carroll (Poly), Ron Oddie



SKY'S THE LIMIT Monarch Scott Soller (24) works his way up to snatch a VC rebound against Mission College last week. Valley annihilated the Free-Spirits, 86-52, in hopes of improving their conference record.

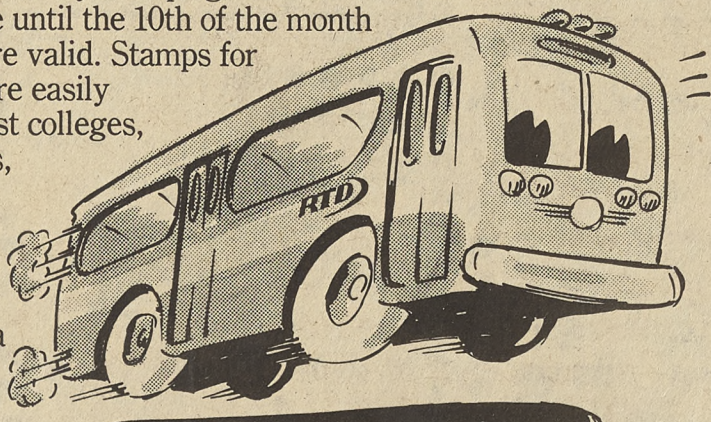


ONE ON ONE—Valley prodigy Lonnie Camper (50) grabs one of his 19 rebounds, a career high, against an unidentified Mission cager. Camper, a product of Fairfax High has made great strides this year, and is expected to do even better next season.

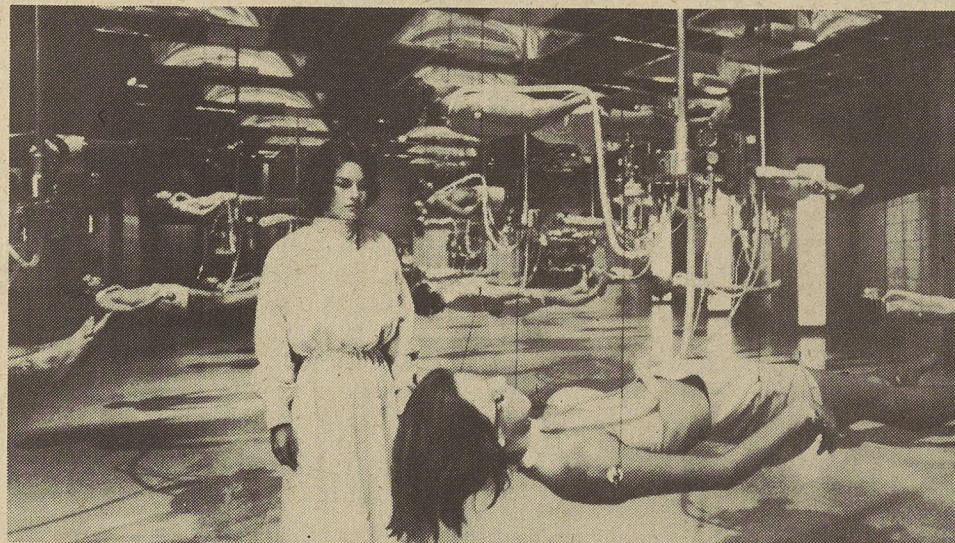
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ALPHABOOKS



# Symphony Starts Spring Semester

By HARRY FISHER  
Assoc. Fine Arts Editor

Who would have thought that the Soviet Union's launching of the first satellite, Sputnik, would have an effect on Valley College's Orchestra this semester?

"Ever since the Russians launched that space satellite, there has been a surge in the enrollment in the field of science," stated Theodore Lynn, professor of music, and faculty adviser to Valley College's symphony orchestra.

And this has led to a lack of interest in much of the arts, he added.

This lack of interest has raised questions about the quality of musicianship at Valley these last couple years, versus those of the past, according to Lynn.

"Generally the quality has been going down, but this is really just a reflection of the declining music programs in the public schools," he said.

"But at Valley, the problem is mainly trying to harvest enough string players," Lynn emphasized.

Lynn, who is currently in his eleventh year of teaching at LAVC, points out that "the field is small and offers a limited amount of oppor-

tunities anyhow, which undoubtedly has an adverse effect on our program here at Valley."

Despite this fact, Lynn expressed optimism about this semester: "I've been surprised quite a number of times, and the prospects for a good size orchestra this semester look as good as ever."

Lynn, an acknowledged Prokofiev and Brahms enthusiast, believes that the Chicago Symphony Orchestra is one of the best professional, working orchestras. "I get hot and cold. There are so many modern composers and musicians, that I switch back and forth from one artist to another."

"But my favorites are Russian composers," he added, "I know a lot of people like Beethoven, but if I were stranded on an island, he'd be about the last composer I would choose to have with me."

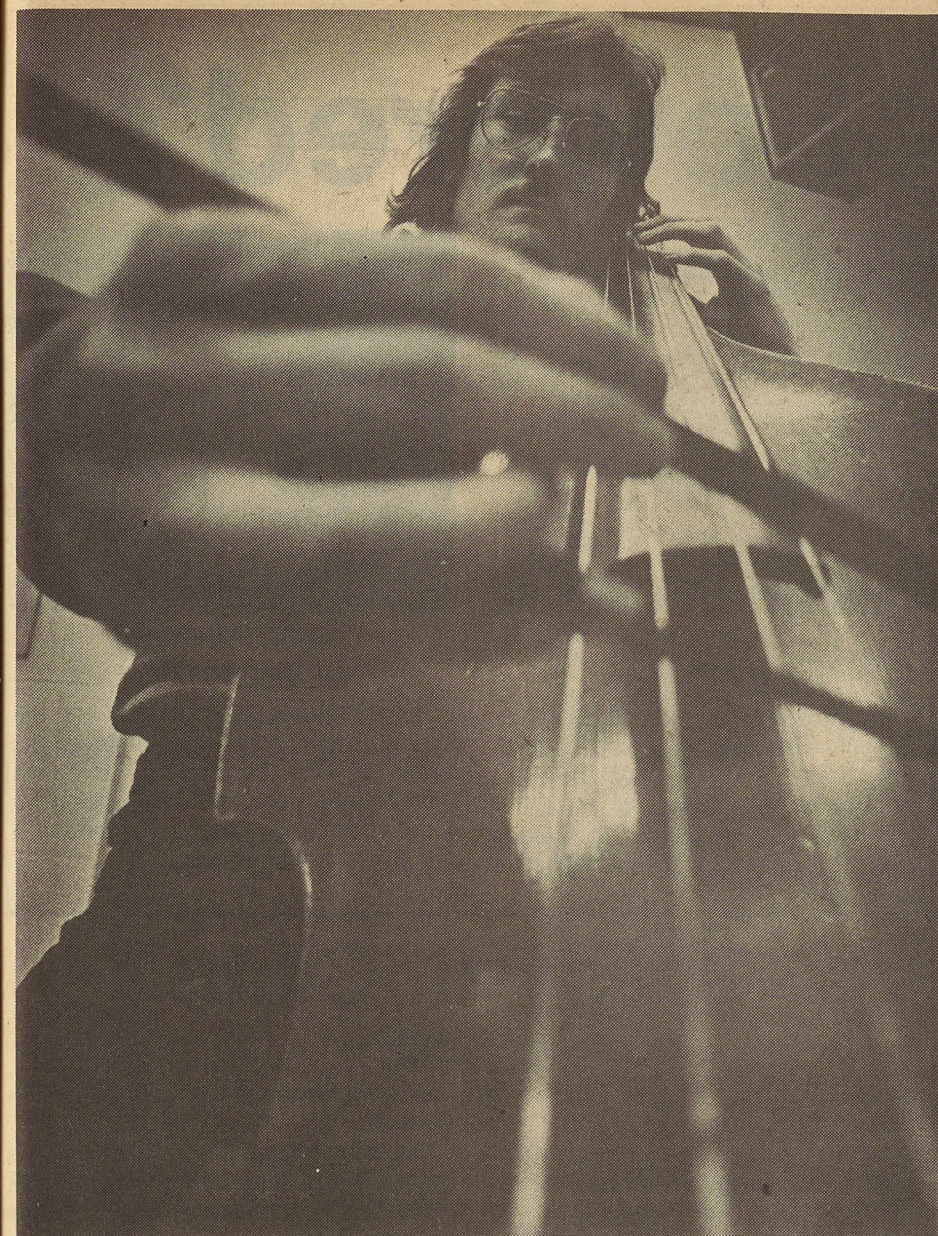
Nevertheless, Valley College's symphony orchestra will be giving two concerts this semester. Their first appearance will be on Thursday, March 30, at 11:00 a.m., and a second one on Thursday, June 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Valley College may not have their own Sputnik satellite, but at least they have a symphony orchestra.



INTENT—With one eye on the music and one on director Ted Lynn, violinist Maurice Bell concentrates during rehearsal.

Star Photo by Harry Fisher



EXTENT—Ed Holmes reaches for a note, adding the voice of his cello to the full symphonic sound of the Valley College Orchestra.

Star Photo by Harry Fisher

## Buono Dominates in 'Marx Bros Writers'

By GERALD SITSER  
Fine Arts Editor

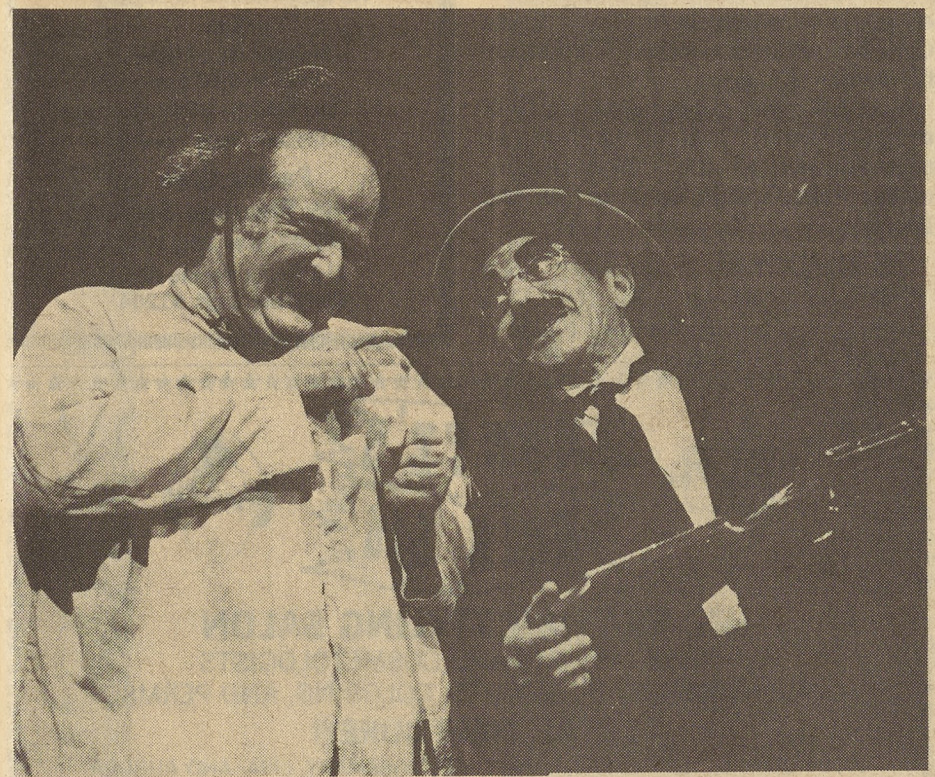
If Victor Buono were to walk out on stage and just stare, that event would easily be worth the price of admission. When he performs, Buono invariably delivers one of the memorable highlights of the season.

"The Last of the Marx Brothers Writers" at the Solari Theatre in Beverly Hills, is the perfect showcase for Buono, for whom author Louis Phillips wrote the title role of Jimmy Bryce.

Sixteen years earlier, Bryce had been a gag writer for the exceptionally successful comics. That job was the one time he ever tasted even a part of

could. The frantic pacing and whimsical dialogue concentrate on the fantasies and flashbacks, lending a sharp edge to the real world which Bryce must fend off. Buono blends both the real and the unreal in Bryce with a sensitivity and exuberance that is at once hilarious and revealing of the writer's fear that have brought him to defeat.

The set and lighting are functional and impressive, and the supporting cast is outstanding, from a delightfully silent Harpo to a highly vociferous God. But "Marx Brothers Writers" remains Victor Buono's show.



Victor Buono and friend hunt for big game

that success in what became a life-long struggle to bring his comedy before an audience.

But Bryce is plagued by that universal gremlin that craves center stage. Only after a disastrous Vaudevilian stint and hopeless auditions does the writer realize that the world doesn't want him up front.

Confined by fear of failure to a destitute dump of a hotel room, Bryce is besieged by his vivid fantasies and dusty memories. The most realistic of these for Bryce are Groucho, Harpo, and Chico, once his only success and now his only friends.

Phillips' script cleverly sidesteps the accustomed clichés by holding the trio to a backseat role, where they say for the hapless writer things he never

## Fine Arts Happenings

### Tutmania

Dr. Shannon Stack will present the final seminar of a four-part slide/lecture series on the times and treasures of King Tutankhamen next Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. in Monarch Hall. Admission is free.

### Chamber Music

Don Ray leads the COTA Chamber Orchestra in their first performance this semester Sunday, Feb. 5, at 8 p.m. The concert, in Valley's Little Theatre, is free.

### Roamin' Thru Rome

Splendors and wonders of ancient Rome will be explored in a travel film lecture on Sunday, Feb. 5, at 3 p.m. in Monarch Hall. Artist and photographer Dr. Franklyn Carney will present the film. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for staff members and students with paid ID. Gold Card holders will be admitted free as seats become available.

### Puppet Show

Valley College students will take part in the "Teatro de los Puppets" as part of the 25 anniversary celebration of the ABC Entertainment Center in Century City tomorrow at 1 p.m. The show is organized by Betsy Brown, a Valley instructor who teaches classes in puppetry and clownology.

### First Play of Spring

The Theatre Arts Department is getting ready for the first major production of the semester, "The Lady's Not For Burning," a romantic comedy set in medieval England. The show, which has played to audiences in New York and London, is being staged by Robert Quarry for its opening on Feb. 23.

## New Songs Are Judged

Songwriters looking for their first break might find it at Valley College as performers in the fourth Festival of New Music, presented by Songwriters Resources and Services (SRS).

The deadline for submitting tapes has been extended to Feb. 28. Ten entrants will be chosen to perform their songs at the festival on campus Mar. 31.

Festival Coordinator Gelsa Paladine stresses the songs are judged on content and what they have to say. Recording industry representatives are invited by SRS to attend the festival.

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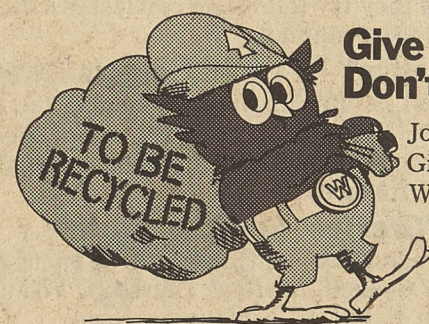
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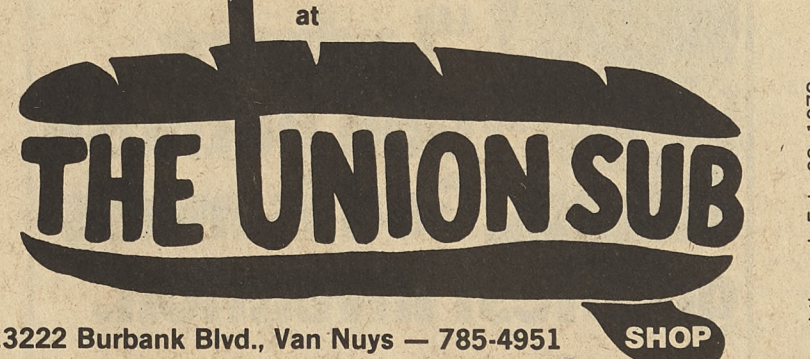


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# Should Drinking Age Be Lowered?



**ELSA BORBOA**  
Business Major

"It would be great to be able to drink legally at the age of 19! I think they can handle it just as well as a 21-year-old. I'd be glad to help push legislation through."



**WAYNE VAN WOERKOM**  
Unspecified Major

"I don't think the age limit should be lowered because kids that age aren't able to make the right decision in my opinion. On the other hand, they're going to drink anyway, even if they're not of legal age."



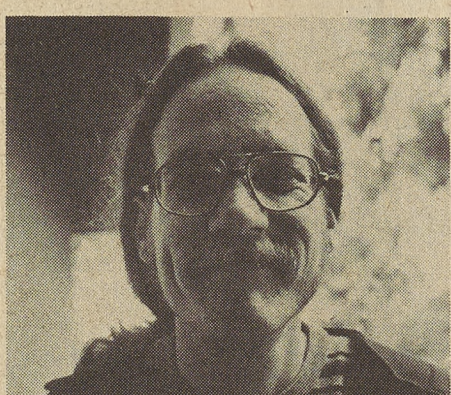
**DENISE HENZI**  
Business Major

"Sure, go ahead and lower it! There's not that much difference between 19 and 21-year-olds. I think they're old enough to decide for themselves, and I don't think any problems would arise from the lowering of the limit."



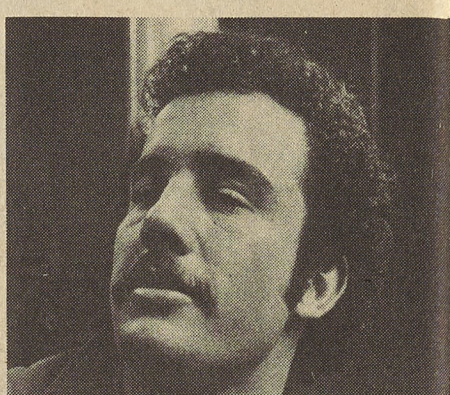
**STEVE BANKS**  
Unspecified Major

"I always bought beer before I was 21, and I thought I knew everything. Now I realize I was just a dumb kid, and believe a kid should wait until you're 21 until you begin to drink."



**ROD POHL**  
Chemistry Major

"Why now lower the drinking age to 19? By not allowing the younger kids to drink, society is causing juvenile delinquency. We live in a drug-oriented society, and as such the older members should be responsible for the young members."



**CHRIS PETERSON**  
Unspecified Major

"I don't think we should change the drinking laws. There are already too many deaths related to drunken drivers, and there would be even more if the rules were changed to allow 19 and 20-year-olds to drink."

## KVCM To Hit VC Air Waves

KVCM, Valley College's AM radio station (83), will be picked up throughout most of the campus in a matter of weeks, according to Raymond O. Wilson, faculty station manager and instructor of broadcasting.

The station will use the wires from the bells to carry the signal, and in any building there is a bell, students will be able to listen to the zany antics of "Mighty Mike and Attaboy Dave," who air their show at 7:30 a.m., Monday to Friday.

"We are happy that we reach more students," said Wilson, "and we hope to give them the kind of format they want to hear."

Presently the music can only be heard in the cafeteria and the Administration Building, but the new system will expand the listening audience, without the need for a FCC license.

"If we applied for a license, we would have to compromise our format to meet the entire community's needs," explained Wilson, "instead of gearing our efforts to the campus itself."

The station format, which is not "cast in concrete," will feature the comedy of "Mike and Dave" in the early morning hours, "soft rock" from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., "beautiful" music from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and top 40 tunes from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The afternoons will feature country and western music from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., and various programs airing after 2 p.m., depending on the disc jockey. A Spanish program will begin this semester, running from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wilson also hopes to do an "infinitely more" amount of interviews on the air, getting personalities that students want to hear, and could watch in H112.

## New Class Will Explore Efficient Energy Sources

Alternatives to the energy problem will be explored in a new class, Environmental Study, Field Experience I, providing energy conscious students with the opportunity to compare different sources of energy.

The class will include a full discussion of nuclear utilization potential,

limitations, and the environmental impact, as well as exploration into geothermal, wind, tidal, and solar energy.

Add cards may be obtained at the first class meeting, Saturday, Feb. 4, 9 a.m. to noon, in Engineering 102.



**HEY FANS!**—Mark Hogan, communications major, turns disc jockey for KVCM, Valley's AM radio station, which is expanding its boundaries by using a carrier current.

Star Photo by David Krushell

## IOC Cites Fall Clubs

By JOE LOVELL  
Club News Editor

Gerry "Moose" Feher, Monarch Hockey Club President, and the Monarch Hockey Club, received the top IOC awards as the "Most Outstanding Representative" and "Most Active Club," respectively, announced David Whitelaw, IOC chairman for the Fall semester.

Whitelaw also acknowledged outstanding individuals for their spirit and support of campus ideals, singling out advisor, June Harwood, as "Miss IOC of 1977."

Steve Kaplan, Ski Lions representative, received an award for his management of "Anything Goes Day," his work on the Homecoming and Executive committees, and his active representation in IOC.

TAE representative, Adrian Reynolds, was recognized for his contributions to the Executive committee, Club Day, and his active membership in IOC.

Lorna Battle, the editor of PARTICIPATE, the paper of the IOC, was cited for her work as editor, and active involvement with the Anthropology Club.

IOC secretary, Gigi Horowitz, and Pat Fahey, Rotoract representative, were honored for their dedication and participation in IOC.

Lisa Wiley and Lee Wygand, of the Science, Science Fantasy Club, received awards for their help; Wiley as the Club Day chairperson, and Wygand for his active support.

Ester Sorkin, Senior Student Club representative, was cited for her participation on the Ad Hoc committee, and her involvement in the IOC.

Another TAE member, Jeff Weisman, who was also IOC Vice Chairman, was honored for his help

and contributions to the Executive Council.

Whitelaw wished to express his gratitude to all members of IOC, which made this year one of the best in Valley College history.

### Book Store Hours

The Book Store in the Campus Center is open to students and the community from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. It closes at 3:45 on Fridays and is not open on weekends.



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## Clubs

### CAR Discusses Busing

There will be a "group workshop session" on busing by the Valley College chapter of the Committee Against Racism, Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 11 a.m., in MS 103. All concerned citizens are asked to participate and share their ideas.

### Anchor's Aweigh

The Sailing Club will hold its first semester meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 11 a.m., in LS 105. All members should attend and interested students are welcome.

### Eta Beta Rho

Eta Beta Rho, the National Hebrew Honor Society, will conduct an important organizational meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 11 a.m., in FL 113. All are welcome.

### Ski Trip Planned

The Ski Lions still have openings for a trip to Mammoth. To find out more about the trip, parties, and other activities, meet in CC 204, on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 11 a.m. We need your support to help us ski for less! The more people that sign up for the trip, the less it will cost each person.

### Gay Students Coalition

The Gay Students Coalition, sponsored by the S-HE Center, will meet every Tuesday at 11 a.m., in BSc 104, and hold rap sessions on Thursdays, in B 66, at 1 p.m. Non-gays, as well as gays are always welcome.

### Busting Loose

The Monarchs Hockey Booster Club will hold a meeting next Monday, Feb. 6 at 10:30 p.m., at Laurel Plaza Ice Rink, to view the game between Valley and Pierce. Valley is second only to Pierce in Division II of the Southern California Collegiate Hockey Association. Rowdy people are welcome to help support the Monarchs as they try to avenge two losses suffered at the hands of the Brahmas.

### "Alternative" To Lonely Nights Offered

Hillel Council is offering an open lounge, the "Alternative," for singles 18 to 28 years old to meet new friends, every second and fourth Wednesday, starting Feb. 8, from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

### "Greatest Show on Earth"

Games, refreshments, and music will be on the agenda at the Hillel Council meeting, Thursday, Feb. 9, at 11 a.m., in the cafeteria conference room.

### GRADUATION PETITIONS DEADLINE

Friday, February 24, at 4:00 p.m. is the deadline for filing petitions for graduation as of June 17, 1978 (Spring 1978). Petitions are available in the Credit Office, Room 127 of the Administration Bldg.

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